

MEMORANDUM FOR:

*Amb. Leonhart*

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In light of today's UPI release on the Review Panel, which stemmed from the DCI's press conference of yesterday, we suggest that Dr. Bowie discuss our Charter with Adm. Turner.

Bill Leonhart &

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## CHARTER FOR REVIEW PANEL

1. There is established, effective this date, a full-time Review Panel, consisting of such members as the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) may appoint. Its role is to provide an independent, collegial, and substantive review of National Intelligence Estimates and other major intelligence products of both the Intelligence Community and the National Foreign Assessment Center (NFAC), with a view to improving the usefulness of those documents to US Government policymakers.

2. Organizationally, the Review Panel will be attached, as an independent entity, to the Office of the Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment (DD/NFA), which will provide the Panel its Secretariat and necessary administrative support.

3. The Review Panel's functions will include:

a. Review of selected major upcoming papers at appropriate stages; normally, this would involve the development of the conceptual framework of the paper and the review of successive drafts.

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b. Assistance to the DD/NFA in the forward planning of intelligence production, including the development and allocation of finished intelligence resources.

c. Post-audit of such finished intelligence and production processes as the DCI or DD/NFA may direct.

d. Evaluation of the quality of a range of intelligence products in selected fields.

e. Interaction with other evaluation efforts, internal and external to the CIA, designed to appraise the intelligence process, the quality of its production, and the extent to which the intelligence needs of the Government are being met. For this purpose, the Review Panel may also survey senior policymaker reactions to intelligence products on an informal basis.

f. Providing the DCI and the DD/NFA with such recommendations as are deemed appropriate by the Review Panel, from time to time, for the enhancement of the overall intelligence process. The Review Panel shall also undertake

such special studies or reviews as the DCI or DD/NFA may direct.

4. The Review Panel may supplement its membership, as it believes desirable on an ad hoc basis and for specific purposes, by drawing on the established registers of Agency consultants.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW INTELLIGENCE REVIEW PANEL NOW OPERATING

A new Intelligence Review Panel has begun fulltime operations at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

This independent panel has been established to assist the Director of Central Intelligence and his Deputy for National Foreign Assessment to review major intelligence products of both the Intelligence Community and the National Foreign Assessment Center. The panel will review the concept behind such products, audit finished intelligence, and advise on production planning.

The three distinguished Americans who form the panel, Ambassador William Leonhart, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] bring to their work a wealth of relevant experience from the diplomatic, academic and military communities.

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NOTE: Brief biographies of Panel members attached.